

**The invention claimed is:**

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1. A method for alerting a wireless terminal user of a handoff of a cell from a first communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising the steps of:  
receiving a handoff indicating message;  
determining whether a received identifier of the second communication service station is at least one of a collection of acceptable identifiers; and  
producing an audible alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least one of the collection of acceptable identifiers.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the call is automatically terminated after  
2 producing the audible alert if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the call continuation indication is an utterance.

2 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the call continuation indication is an activation of a key.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of displaying information  
2 identifying at least one key as a call continuation indication key.

1 6. The method of claim 2, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a  
2 predetermined time if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 7. The method of claim 2, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a user  
2 programmed time if a call continuation indication is not received.

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1 8. A method for alerting a wireless terminal user of a handoff of a cell from a first communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising the steps of:  
receiving a handoff indicating message;

5 determining whether a received identifier of the second communication service  
6 station is at least one of a collection of acceptable identifiers; and  
7 producing a vibrating alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least  
8 one of the collection of acceptable identifiers.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the call is automatically terminated after  
2 producing the vibrating alert if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the call continuation indication is an  
2 utterance.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the call continuation indication is an  
2 activation of a key.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of displaying information  
2 identifying at least one key as a call continuation indication key.

1 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a  
2 predetermined time if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 14. The method of claim 9, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a  
2 user programmed time if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 Sub A4 15. A wireless terminal that alerts a user of a handoff of a call from a first  
2 communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising:  
3 a receiver that receives a handoff indicating message;  
4 a memory containing a collection of acceptable identifiers;  
5 a processor that determines if a received identifier of the second communication  
6 service station is at least one of the collection of acceptable identifiers and activates an  
7 audible alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least one of the collection of  
8 acceptable identifiers.

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1 16. The wireless terminal of claim 15, wherein the processor automatically  
2 terminates the call after activating the audible alert if a call continuation indication is not  
3 received.

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1 17. A wireless terminal that alerts a user of a handoff of a call from a first  
2 communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising:  
3 a receiver that receives a handoff indicating message;  
4 a memory containing a collection of acceptable identifiers;  
5 a processor that determines if a received identifier of the second communication  
6 service station is at least one of the collection of acceptable identifiers and activates a  
7 vibrating alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least one of the collection  
8 of acceptable identifiers.

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1 18. The wireless terminal of claim 17, wherein the processor automatically  
2 terminates the call after activating the vibrating alert if a call continuation indication is  
3 not received.